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- Google Chief Executive Sundar Pichai said scrutinizing the size of companies once they reach a certain size is "right," and that his company will participate in such conversations - but he underscored that "scale does offer many benefits," such as being able to invest in innovative technology without worrying about "short-term profits." Pichai added that it's not surprising that the U.S. government might open an antitrust probe into Google considering its history with similar situations in Europe, but suggested that "maybe that scrutiny is newer" for other companies. (CNN)

- District of Columbia Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Brian Kenner will step down from his role in the next few weeks to join Amazon.com Inc.'s policy team; he said he was approached about the job roughly four weeks ago. Kenner's office was integral in putting together the District's bid for the company's HQ2 location, which was ultimately awarded to Northern Virginia. (The Verge)

- More than 20 House Democratic lawmakers raised concerns in a letter to the Department of Homeland Security about the "unprecedented and unauthorized expansion" of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's facial recognition program with airports. Led by Reps. Susan Wild (Pa.), Emanuel Cleaver (Mo.) and Yvette Clark (N.Y.), the letter argues that CBP's biometrics program, which operates under a congressional mandate and executive order requiring it to track foreign nationals, has been going beyond its scope by capturing data from U.S. citizens. (The Hill)

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